IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

NICOLE SWANGER, No. 3:23-CV-01730

Plaintiff, (Chief Judge Brann)

v. (Magistrate Judge Carlson)

MARTIN O'MALLEY,¹
Commissioner of Social Security,

Defendant.

ORDER

SEPTEMBER 27, 2024

Nicole Swanger filed this action seeking review of a decision by the Commissioner of Social Security ("Commissioner") denying Swanger's claim for disability insurance benefits.² On September 5, 2024, Magistrate Judge Martin C. Carlson issued a Report and Recommendation recommending that this Court vacate the Commissioner's decision, remand this matter for further proceedings, and close this case.³ No timely objections were filed to this Report and Recommendation.

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 25(d), Martin O'Malley, as the successor officer to Kilolo Kijakazi, Acting Commissioner of Social Security, is automatically substituted as Defendant in this action.

² Docs. 1, 11.

³ Doc. 19.

Where no objection is made to a report and recommendation, this Court will review the recommendation only for clear error.⁴ Regardless of whether timely objections are made, district courts may accept, reject, or modify—in whole or in part—the findings or recommendations made by the magistrate judge.⁵ Upon review of the record, the Court finds no error—clear or otherwise—in Magistrate Judge Carlson's conclusion that the Commissioner's decision is not supported by substantial evidence. Consequently, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that:

- Magistrate Judge Martin C. Carlson's Report and Recommendation
 (Doc. 19) is ADOPTED;
- 2. The Commissioner's decision is **VACATED**, and this matter is **REMANDED** for further proceedings consistent with this Order and Magistrate Judge Carlson's Report and Recommendation;
- 3. Final Judgment is entered in favor of Plaintiff and against Defendant pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 58 and sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g);
- 4. The Clerk of Court is directed to **CLOSE** this case.

BY THE COURT:

<u>s/Matthew W. Brann</u>Matthew W. BrannChief United States District Judge

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⁴ Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b), advisory committee notes; *see Henderson v. Carlson*, 812 F.2d 874, 878 (3d Cir. 1987) (explaining that court should in some manner review recommendations regardless of whether objections were filed).

⁵ 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); Local Rule 72.31.